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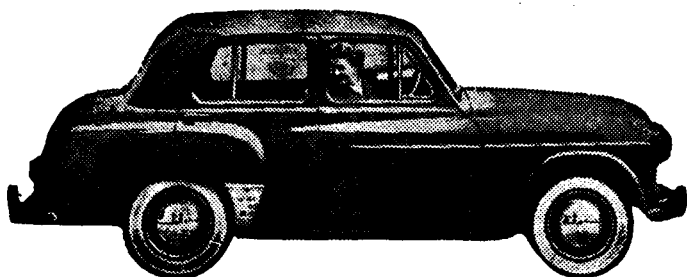
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## AUSTRIA-CHINA GAME WILL BE PLAYED HERE

### Monday, August 15, under lights at the Showgrounds

The much-discussed match between Rapid and South China has been arranged. In fact, two matches will be played, first in Melbourne, on Monday week, August 15, under the Showgrounds floodlights.

The second game will be played in Sydney on August 20th.

The matches were arranged in a long conference between Australian and Austrian officials in Melbourne on Sunday, and further consultation with the Chinese officials in Sydney.

The Chinese had to confirm arrangements by cable to Hong Kong, but that was quickly done.

#### Changes in Tours

Certain changes have been made in the planned itineraries of the touring teams.

The fifth Test between Austria and Australia has been switched from August 20 to August 17, to allow for the extra game in Sydney.

The third Test between Australia and South China, scheduled for August 20 at Newcastle, has been put back a day.

Two matches in Tasmania and one at Lithgow will be cancelled, so that the extra games can be played.

If present arrangements are adhered to, both will be all-ticket games, for which prices have not yet been fixed, but will probably be 7/6 to 15/- a seat.

#### Financial Loss

The Australian Soccer Council felt that the games should be played, even if it meant inconvenience and financial loss, said the chairman of the Victorian Soccer Council and Victorian representative on the national body, Mr. W. R. Thomas.

The cancelling of two games meant financial loss to the local authorities, said Mr. Thomas. So did the transferring of two Test games to a Wednesday and a Sunday.

#### By Public Demand

The Australian authorities would make nothing but goodwill for the game out of the two big international clashes, but he considered that the public and press had been right in demanding that they be played.

### Sent Off



What an uproar this caused! Star Austrian centre-forward, Dienst, sent off the field during an international match by referee Hecht for using bad language. Perhaps Dienst did not realise that Mr. Hecht could speak German. Last Sunday's incident will be remembered for a long time, and will be discussed by referees and players for almost as long. We hope there is no need for equally strong measures during the big international to be played at the Showgrounds on Monday week.

## Pro. Soccer grows in S.A.

Recent registrations of players and inquiries from others interested have given fresh heart to the Professional Sports Federation, which runs professional night Soccer in South Australia.

Arrangements have already been made for some overseas players to go to Adelaide to play with the Federation.

The P.S.F. is meeting the cost of putting floodlights on the ground recently bought by them.

Night Soccer should be a great attraction during the summer months, judging by its reception in Melbourne earlier this year.

## G. Cross Meet South Melbourne Sunday

George Cross supporters will have a good opportunity to gauge the strength of their team when it meets South Melbourne United in a practice match at Middle Park tomorrow afternoon.

Last season, before promotion to first grade, they were far superior to the South Melbourne side. But that promise has been unfulfilled; they have not risen above last-but-one in the first division ladder.

South Melbourne's probable side will be: Shepherd; Simpson, Neill, Slatter; Heyes, Jays; Denny, Elder, Cook, Senior, James.

The two club reserve teams will play a curtain-raiser.

## Praise for Refs. as Players

Praise for the Referees' Association in their match against Park Rangers is offered by Bomber, of Essendon Club. "Rangers did not put their first team on the field, but they should have. Referees won 5-1 with an attacking centre-half; their whole play was based on attack, and if all their opportunities were included, the score would have been doubled."

## For Soccer—"The Gutter"

Last Monday night a letter purporting to be written by Mr. Keith Williams, of Glen Waverley, was placed before a meeting of the Collingwood City Council.

The letter stated that "Soccer interests" intended to bid for the new lease soon to be drawn up for Victoria Park, the home of the Collingwood Cricket and Football Clubs.

We have not yet uncovered the identity of Mr. Williams, nor have we been able to ascertain which "Soccer interests" provide the background for this startling challenge.

However, we feel that it is not our immediate concern whether Mr. Williams is a reality or a myth. Nor can we get excited about our knowledge that the result of this tilting at windmills is a foregone conclusion.

Our concern at the moment is the manner in which the letter was received by the Council. Allegedly, amid general laughter, a councillor was heard to say, "They can play in the gutter."

Here we have the cynical and autocratic contempt continually exhibited by the "haves" for the "have nots."

Here again is illustrated the attitude of groups of men who, hunting in packs, serving the public office or on club committees, or both, get their hands on public property and refuse to share its use.

That is the crux of the matter, and it cannot be repeated too often in high places and low, and in every ear that will listen.

These football and cricket grounds are the property of the taxpayers and ratepayers. Soccer players and supporters are taxpayers and ratepayers, and hence have just as much right to the use of the grounds as cricket and Rules football clubs.

Soccer merely asks that, if it can be done without undue inconvenience to others, it be allowed to share these grounds.

This is a matter of common social justice. And it is a good thing for both Soccer supporters and their opponents to remember that, in any British community, no matter how long it takes, justice always prevails.

# Collingwood Council Laughs off Unknown Soccer Bidder for Victoria Park

Collingwood City Council greeted with laughter a letter put before them on Monday night, stating that "Soccer interests" would bid for Victoria Park when its lease was offered at tender.

One councillor declared "They can play in the gutter. They will do as well there as in the Olympic Games."

## "Soccer Interests"

The letter was written by a Mr. Keith Williams, of Glen Waverley, who told the council that he was acting for "Soccer interests," who were keen to obtain a ground before the Olympic Games, and could offer "substantial securities" for the ground.

The letter was received by the council, and the Town Clerk, Mr. G. J. Brown, said that the matter had not yet been discussed, but there was a meeting arranged for Monday night next between representatives of the council and the Collingwood Football Club.

After the meeting, Mr. Brown said that the council's intention was to arrange a lease of the park, but that nothing had yet been decided on the matter.

## Injunction

A man who sat in the gallery during the proceedings, a Mr. G. McCarthy, said that he intended to take out an injunction restraining the council from entering into private treaty in connection with the ground, and another order enforcing the council to put the ground up for lease by public auction by tender.

## Representing Citizens

Mr. McCarthy said he did not represent any sporting body—only the citizens of Collingwood, whom he considered were not getting "a fair deal" from the present arrangements at the ground.

He said he would like to see Soccer represented at the ground, and said he was sure they had enough money to be able to use the ground for the benefit of themselves and the ratepayers of Collingwood.

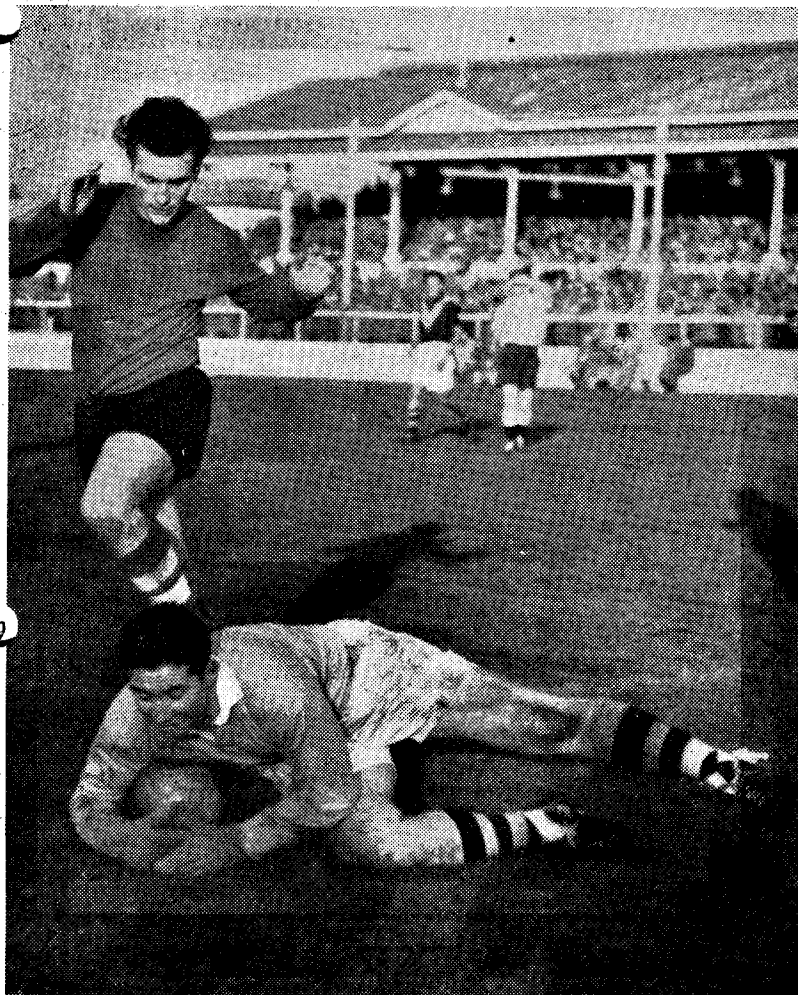
## Forced to Tender

The Town Clerk said that if the injunction and order were taken out, the council would be forced to put the ground up for auction before leasing it to anyone, but they would not be forced to accept the highest tender unless they were convinced it could be met.

He said he realised that Soccer was the coming game, and he would like to see it played in Collingwood, but he realised that it would be many years, "probably not in my lifetime," before it would seriously challenge Rules for tenancy of Victoria Park.

—SEE EDITORIAL.

"For Soccer—The Gutter."



Ron Lord, 'keeper from N.S.W., goes down at the feet of Mehrosch, the Austrian inside forward, in one of his daring saves during the Test match at the Showgrounds last Saturday. Lord could not be faulted on the day's performance, and this save was one of his best.

## Kevin Lott asks

# Can Referees' Control Stop Hooliganism?

Referees here do not follow the game as they should. If they did they would be accused of being "whistle happy."

They do not enforce the "play the ball" and off-side rules as strictly as they should. Nor do they control the game as closely and efficiently as most of us would like.

I am not going to suggest that our standard of play is much better than the standard of refereeing, but I will say that if the standard of refereeing was raised, it would definitely improve the standard of football.

Stricter control of games would wipe out the hooliganism that has plagued us over a number of years, thus ensuring the public a good afternoon's entertainment.

I read with amazement the article by referee Hutchison in last week's issue, specially the statement to the effect that his association was finding it difficult to fill appointments for every match.

Most first division games I have watched late this season have been attended by no less than three officials, one as referee and two as linesmen.

I do, of course, agree that their fee for refereeing these games is inadequate. This is a matter that could be quite easily overcome.

### Are We So Good?

This year we have visitors from South China, Rapid and South Africa. If we were to get from them an honest answer to the state of our game, we would be horrified by their answer. We are dumbfounded by their standard of play.

No doubt a lot of people will say that I don't know what I am talking about; but let us look at our history and progress over twenty

### ONLY ONE ALLOWED

The number of foreigners allowed to play for any Italian League team has been limited to one. How this will affect many clubs is yet unknown, as the regulation does not become valid until September. But one club (Maidland) has at present five foreigners in its team. All those players were acquired for large amounts.

years. Never before has South China, for instance, given us thrashings as on this tour. The English amateur side that was here in 1937—a side that would have held its place in world Soccer—went down in two games to us.

### Bad Reputation

To improve our position in the sports world in Victoria we have to put our game before the eyes of the public. We can't in its present state.

Mention Soccer to an outsider, and they immediately say, "Oh, yes. That's the game where they're always fighting." A nice reputation to have, if we are to progress.

Of course there is the referees' point of view. They will probably say that if they were to interpret the rules and discipline players as they should, the game would become a farce. I agree. But when and how are we to stop the rot that appears to have set in?

I am not going to blame the refs. for this, but I do feel that if we were to take a few hints from our guests as regards control and management, we could do a lot better than we are doing.

But prevention being better than cure, I would suggest that we prevent it rather than cure it.

## Sunshine City's First Ball

Sunshine City club will hold its first Ball in the Orama Ballroom, Footscray, on August 18th, a Thursday night.

Ron White, manager of the club's first team, and chairman of the social committee, tells "Soccer News" that it will be a good night, with dancing from 8.30 till 2 a.m.

Tickets can be obtained from Mrs. White, who is secretary of the social committee, and who can be telephoned at MM 2331.

There will be a good supper, and small and large parties from other clubs are invited. The cost is £1/1/- a single ticket.

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Don't forget to listen to Soccer's two sessions on the air:

**FRIDAYS, 6.00-6.15, at 3KZ**

for interviews, news and last-minute information;

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for news and results of all Saturday's games.

## Essendon Plans Training Squads

Essendon Soccer Club hope to have practice squads meeting this summer. The idea, says Bomber, is to run evening sessions, "and the boys seem to be very enthusiastic." Gymnastics or basketball may also be included in this off-season programme.

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## Spotter Declares

# More Accent on Juniors and Coaching Bring Improvement

The smartest thing Victorian Soccer legislators can do to develop Soccer in this State is to promote it more strongly through the schools, as well as give more support to the junior association, or take over the control of that body.

Wednesday's exhibition against Austria did nothing to improve the status of Soccer here. Nor did any of the other games except the Test at the Showgrounds, when we were lucky to have the support of the New South Welshmen.

The Victorian Soccer public simply won't support games against touring sides if they are to result in a comic exhibition as did most of these.

Nor will there be any satisfaction to the Victorian team or its challengers in ultimate victory or defeat.

### Out for an Airing

Those supporters who did arrive behaved as though they had come along for the airing. Most of them acted as though they were forced to be there; there were times when you could hear a laugh after one of our lads had been subjected to a bit of this comic football.

So disgusted were most of them that they resorted to the unusual patronising pastime of supporting the visitors.

That is something no self-respecting Soccer fan can do if he is serious in his attitude to a game.

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And so the one-sided battle between Victoria and Rapid went on. There was no fight, no barracking —no feeling.

### Selectors Not to Blame

One could not say that the selectors had done a bad job. Nor could they say that the players were too old, or such things as are usually said when a State side is selected.

We were not good enough, and never will be until we develop young players into a machine that is like that of both the touring sides.

Many I have heard speak on the subject are only too willing to condemn Len Young and his methods in coaching. This, I might add, has only been said by those who don't know any better.

### Time is Needed

Rome was not built in a day. Nor will Victorian Soccer improve in such a short period. To produce good football we must have good ball players, and to get good ball players we must be prepared to teach them. To teach them we have to get the youngsters, and to get the youngsters we have to go to them; not them to us.

Soccer cannot improve here in Victoria under five years, unless I am under-estimating Len Young and his methods.

The Victorian Soccer Association has done a magnificent job since the war in schools and clubs.

Their good work would have been better if they had given more money and time to the youngsters in recent years.

Yes! It is the strength of the juniors and their coaching that is the strength of Soccer in this State.

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## From 'Soccer News' Elsewhere

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### Sydney

The Chinese community of Sydney took over Chequers Theatre Restaurant last Sunday night, and staged a mammoth party for the visiting team. There were, in all, 500 guests. It was a lavish "do," and attended by a great number of Sydney's most important people.

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It is reported from Johannesburg that the South African team, to arrive here late in August, is the best ever to leave the Union. Many of the players in the selected team are reported to have received lucrative offers to join English clubs.

### THE SPICE OF LIFE

University's team which met Hakoah in the third round of the Dockerty Cup included three Malay Chinese, two Indians, one Hungarian, four English-born players, and one Scot. Quite a United Nations team!

### Brisbane

The fracas in Brisbane emphasised the difference between our interpretation of the laws and the interpretation in European countries.

There is no question, however, that a goalkeeper CAN be charged whilst in possession of the ball, under certain circumstances, as prescribed in the laws. In most European countries, all players walk away from the keeper as soon as he gains possession, but that is mostly regarded as an "unwritten" law in the European lands. Australian players are quite within their rights in charging a custodian, and referees have no alternative but to permit them to do so fairly. After all, the ref. does not make the laws; he simply interprets and applies them.

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Rapid (Vienna) v. South China

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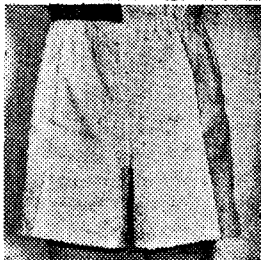
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# Alec Barr's Comments 'Wide of the Mark'

Dear Sir,—

I would like to comment in respect of Alec. Barr's statement in the "Age" of July 28: "The English system being coached by Len Young is outdated and should be altered."

Digressing slightly, I think most people connected with Victorian Soccer have this season followed with great interest Alec's observations, suggestions and criticisms—mainly due to the fact that until this season he played on and off with a first division side.

I consider many of Alec's observations (particularly in connection with the team I play with) have been ill-advised and wide of the mark, even allowing for difficulties which can cause inaccuracies and far-fetched statements. His statement mentioned above is in a similar category.

In the very recent past Alec. has remarked that in Len Young we have a man with every qualification necessary to further our game in Victoria. Anyone who has had the pleasure of discussing Soccer for only ten minutes with Len will realise this is true.

Now we have Alec. airily advising, as though with great wisdom, that Len will have to change his ideas in regard to the style of game and the type of players required.

This advice comes after a world-renowned professional side defeats an amateur Australian State side 11—0.

Surely we can persevere a little longer and show a little more

## Cut the Criticism

Dear Sir,

I think that the practice of publicly running down players who have made mistakes in a game is a deplorable one, and should be stopped.

I am sure that those players mentioned over the radio feel bad enough without having the added embarrassment of having their names and mistakes broadcast.

I do not think that any good can come of this; on the contrary, I think it could cause them to lose confidence in themselves in future games.

—(Mrs.) LEAH SALZMAN.

patience, Alec? As anyone must realise, to reach the standard set by the Rapid team, from where Len took over our State squad, will not take only years, but decades. I also suggest that the players Len needs are not "ball-players," but young lads thoroughly fit, keen, of a reasonable standard, and with an earnest desire to appreciate expert coaching.

Len will eventually make them into "ball-players," if and when it is necessary.

I need only quote as an example a former colleague of both Alec. and myself, Joe Marston. Never was he considered a "ball-player," but he had the attributes I mention, and although unpolished, he still proved that he could be brought along and develop into a world-class footballer.

Finally, I would like to say that there is a great future in Victorian Soccer, and we will progress far more rapidly if people in the position to help do so constructively, and with a view to helping, and not hindering, the game.

—JACK WILSON.

## PRESS ADVICE TO STATE TEAM WAS LITTLE USE

Dear Sir,

I had to laugh the other day when I read the report of the "Herald" correspondent, commenting that the Victorians lost against the Austrians because they stuck to the scientific game, while they should have played the "hard tackling" game that the Austrians "have already shown that they don't like."

Unfortunately for the Victorian XI, they played anything but the scientific game. As to the "hard tackling," "hard bustling" game that some Australian commentators always advocate, I am afraid it wouldn't help against a team of "scientific" players and perfect ball-controllers, as the Austrians have proved to be.

I often wonder what these learned Soccer critics really mean by "hard tackling," unless it is the hard charging, hard pushing and wild kicking, in which some local teams indulge, and which, at times, may yield results, especially when, for example, a goal-keeper is knocked unconscious, with a cut requiring six stitches.

—P. BEDROSSIAN.

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## MANGOLINI PRENDE IN MANO LE SORTI DELLA JUVE

La recente recluta della Juventus, il brillante Mangolini, ha sostituito il Sig. Anton Szalay in qualità di allenatore della squadra. "Son certo — ha commentato il Segretario Sig. Kiburg—che Mangolini e' perfettamente all'altezza del compito affidatogli e che non gli mancano le migliori qualità d'intuito e di tecnica che distinguono il suo predecessore."

Ricordiamo qui che Szalay fu in gran parte l'artefice dell'attuale posizione della Juventus e fu infallibilmente dietro ad ogni più splendida affermazione di questa. Al nuovo allenatore vadano i più sinceri auguri, perché possa degnamente continuare l'opera iniziata e in gran parte compiuta dal bravo Ungherese.

## SPERANZE E TIMORI PER IL CAMPIONATO DI QUESTO ANNO

Dopo l'infausta giornata di Yalourn i tifosi della Juve si son più di una volta domandati come e dove andrà a finire il campionato di quest'anno. Poteva sembrare una cosa certa due mesi fa, ma d'improvviso la bilancia s'e' rovesciata. Il Segretario della Juventus, Sig. Kiburg si e' così espresso in merito: "E' difficile pronunciarsi o pronosticare nelle presenti condizioni. Restano ancora quattro partite d'impegno da disputare—con Polonia, J.U.S.T., Moreland e Hakoah—, dai risultati delle quali dipenderà la sorte del campionato. Una cosa comunque e' certa: che la Juventus non e' in una posizione di inferiorità a nessuna della suddette squadre e che PUO', almeno in teoria, vincere tutte e quattro queste partite."

## POLITICAL SUSPENSION

Two well known Hungarian soccer players have been suspended by a decision of the National Sports Council for a period of 12 months.

Reasons for this suspension are stated to be on political grounds. The two players concerned are Gyula Grosics, who is considered to be the world's best goalkeeper, and Sandor Geller, also a well known goalkeeper.

## BUONE NUOVE DA GEELONG

Per indefesso interessamento del nuovo Comitato e in particolar modo della Presidente Sig./ra Borsari e del dinamico Segretario Ing. G. Sitar, la squadra di calcio di seconda divisione I.A.M.A.-Geelong e' riuscita a prendere in affitto un proprio campo nei paraggi dell'Eastern Park, in una posizione convenientissima per i facili trasporti e per la breve distanza dalla città. Il campo sarà inaugurato la prossima settimana alla presenza del Console Generale d'Italia a Melbourne, che si rechera' in visita ufficiale a quella città.

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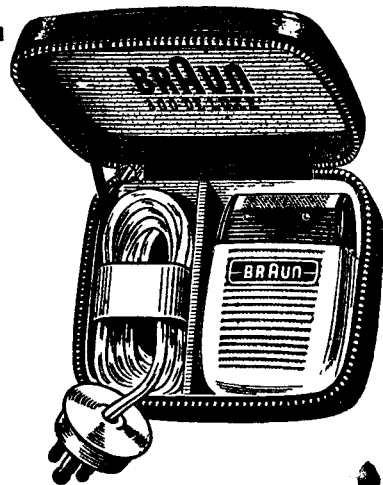
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# WHAT THE SELECTORS SAID

"Soccer News" has tried to get the comments of the selectors on the State team chosen by readers, and published in last week's issue. The chairman of the selectors, Mr. Jim Paul, had only general comment to make. Mr. Lang added something, but Mr. Defris was, unfortunately, not available.

Here is what they said:

## Jim Paul

The chairman of the State selectors, Mr. Jim Paul, said that he did not think comment was necessary. "Criticism does not worry me. Anyone who takes on the job of selecting is bound to be criticised," he said.

The general attitude of the public was that if the team lost, the selectors were to blame. If the team should win, it was in spite of the selectors, not because of them.

He declared that the methods of selection of the team were well enough known not to need repeating. The selectors chose what they thought was the best team available from the talent offering, and although opinions may differ within the selection committee while choosing the team, once it was chosen it was the decision of a committee and no one member of that committee would express his own personal views, not those of Mr. Len Young, who was consulted in the selection of the team, said Mr. Paul.

## Fred Lang

Mr. Lang said that he thought the wide interest shown in the State side was a healthy thing for Soccer, and was a good sign.

The selectors had not fallen down on the job, he said. The State side had more than vindicated its selection in N.S.W., and again last Sunday. They had performed well.

He considered that some of the selections, and players named, showed that people thought seriously of the question, but only helped to emphasise that there was a great difference of opinion.

The State team was chosen by a committee. While there was no

guarantee that all members of the committee thought alike, they were very much of the same opinion after seeing the players at State Squad trainings, and once a team was chosen, they were bound to stick by it.

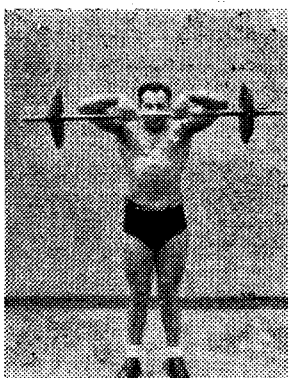
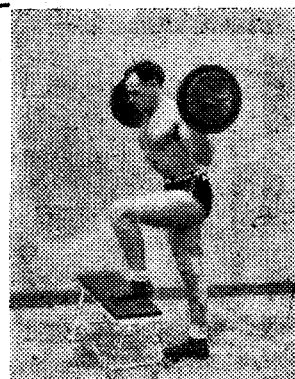
He was satisfied with the State team as the best available, although, like everyone else, he wished it was a better side.

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## ITALIAN CHAMPIONS

The Italian clubs Juventus, Turin and Genoa are the champions of Italy with nine titles each.

Juventus also has the most players selected for the national team. Forty-four players played 449 times in the national eleven. Follows Jinter Maitland with 51 players 422 times, and Bologna with 33 players 253 times.

Altogether Italy played 199 international games and selected 495 players 2651 times.

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## From the F.A. Annual

# Austrian 'Bolt' System of Play Explained

The Austrian type of Soccer as developed over the years, has been referred to as the "Bolt" system.

This article, from the English Football Association Annual of 1953, explains and comments on the style, as evolved over the years.

There is, indeed, no doubt that the Austrians are now playing a wonderful brand of football, which is also achieving results.

The strength and fluency of the Austrian method of attack were only too clearly illustrated in London last December, and their "bolt" system of defence has often proved to be an almost unassailable barrier to British teams.

### The Locked Door

The "bolt" is made by two full-backs, who together lock the door against a direct frontal attack on goal. One full-back shadows the centre-forward, and the other plays behind his partner to check any break-through.

The two wing-halves mark the wingmen, so that in effect these four players are the last defensive line in front of the goal-keeper.

The centre-half has a roaming mission like an attacking wing-half, and is often joined in the middle of the field by the centre-forward, leaving the two inside-forwards and wingmen as the attack's raiding party.

### Easily Confused

It will be seen how easily an English team accustomed to the W.M. formation, can be confused if the players try to mark their usual numbers. It will also be clear that unless the centre-forward is given close support by one of his inside-forwards, then he will be helpless against two strong defenders, especially if he receives the long, high clearances and high centres typical of the English game.

The Austrian type of centre-half is usually an astute ball player, able to join in a bout of close pass-

ing and yet ever ready to switch play by means of a long, low pass or a clever lob.

### All Join In

Very often the close interpassing is intended first to make the opposing side chase after the ball, after which a through pass is made to a forward, who slips through the defence almost unnoticed.

A feature of the "bolt" system is that when the team is on the attack the wing-halves often join in the scheming. True, this leaves the opposing wingmen free, but the two full-backs are able to hinder them until the wing-halves recover.

There are times, indeed, when seven or eight players seem to be joining in the attack in waves, which, to say the least, can be very disconcerting for an ordinary defence of three backs and two halves.

### Clash of Styles

Very little imagination is required to foresee the many interesting possibilities likely to arise when a team with the WM style clashes with an Austrian team.

There is now a growing feeling that English football would be all the better and be more entertaining as a spectacle if only more clubs would dare to experiment with new ideas.

There is really no dearth of ideas among managers and players, especially those who have had to cope with different styles on the Continent and in South America, but the sharp competition in league football has so far discouraged but a few from trying them out.

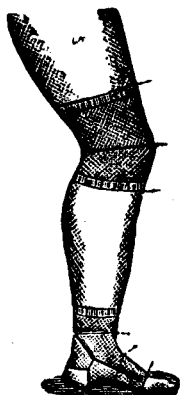
### Coaching Advocated

Critics of coaching claim that it destroys individual ability and initiative, but many overseas teams are living demonstrations that thorough coaching leads to the fullest expression of individual qualities.

Perhaps there is more truth in the viewpoint that a common system of play among teams is a strong deterrent to freedom and freshness.

For example, it is not every English centre-forward who fits ideally into the W formation of attack, as many would be more suited to the deep centre - forward position adopted by some Continental teams.

Nor is every centre - half happy when employed in a purely stopper role. Adaptation of tactics to the ability and temperament of players is not a new idea, but it is one put sufficiently into practice by English teams?

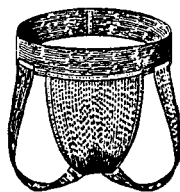


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# Juniors Settle In To Cup Play

Now the league season home and home games are over, clubs will be concentrating on the cup rounds, and, of course, anything is likely to happen.

The second round draw has been circulated, and will be played on August 13.

In the under-20 the final four is: Sunshine United top with 27 points; Brighton 25, Sunshine City and Juventus 17. Congratulations to Sunshine United, who are minor premiers and didn't lose a game.

In the under-17 league we find St. Kilda top with 25 points, followed by Box Hill 24, Brighton 22, and Pascoe Vale 20. Congratulations also to St. Kilda on being minor premiers, also. Under-15 Prahran is top with 29 points, followed by Sunshine City with 22; St. Kilda had 22 and Brighton 19. Prahran didn't lose a game, and kicked a record 116 goals in 15 matches, with only nine kicked against them.

The under-14 is still open. Box Hill and Pascoe Vale are level on points, but Polonia has one more to play; if they win this they will be level in fourth position with Fairfield. Brighton is third.

On August 20, Box Hill and Pascoe Vale meet to decide the top position, and Polonia play Wanders. If Polonia win they will have to meet Fairfield to decide fourth position.

This state of affairs is brought about because in the under-14 league goal average doesn't count.

League ladders will be published as soon as the under-14 league is settled.

On Saturday last Yallourn visited Melbourne and brought under-14, -15 and -17 teams with them to play for the annual trophies. The under-14 and -15 were played at Fawkner Park.

The under-14 game resulted in a win for Melbourne 3—1. Goal-scorers were Scott and Jordan, 2; best players Scott (best on the ground) and Jordan. For Yallourn, the scorer was Powell. Best players were Dyson and Conbey.

The under-15 game resulted in a draw after extra time. Yallourn scored the equaliser in the last 30 seconds. Scorers for Melbourne were Moore and Arrowsmith, and best players Wirth and Arrowsmith. For Yallourn, the scorer was Mulley (2), and best were Mulley and Sterling.

The under-15 cup was given to Yallourn, while Melbourne retained the under-14 cup.

In the under-17 game, played as the curtain-raiser to the Test, Melbourne were the winners by two goals to one. Melbourne goal-scorers were Bleaker and Brown, and best players Duckworth and Bleaker. Yallourn's scorer was Forsythe, and best players Mackie and Sintich.

The teams were given a great ovation as they left the ground—which goes to show the Soccer public really appreciates these junior games, when they get a chance to see them.

Congratulations must go to Yallourn for their improved showing in Junior Soccer. They narrow the margin down each year, and the Melbourne area will have to look to their laurels next year.

Many thanks must go to South Yarra club, and especially to Sandy Duff. They had their goal-posts destroyed during the week, and Mr. Duff worked on Saturday morning to replace them for these two games.

On top of that, he refereed the under-14 game for the first half.

Thanks also to Mr. Yorston for refereeing the second half. It is actions like this by clubs and officials that "make" junior Soccer.

—DENIS CHAMBERS.

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## HOW THEY STAND

### FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
JUVENTUS	14	11	1	2	38	12	23
POLONIA	14	10	3	1	39	20	23
BRIGHTON	14	8	2	4	34	27	18
HAKOAH	14	6	2	6	40	29	14
MORELAND	14	6	2	6	22	21	14
BOX HILL	14	6	1	7	18	36	13
J.U.S.T.	14	5	2	7	31	31	12
FOOTSCRAY CITY	14	3	3	8	17	34	9
GEORGE CROSS	14	3	2	9	25	41	8
YALLOURN	14	2	2	10	21	34	6

### METROPOLITAN NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lions	11	10	1	—	40	9	15
Coburg	11	6	4	1	42	13	15
Fairfield	11	7	1	3	26	7	15
University	12	7	1	4	24	21	15
Bayswater	11	5	—	6	40	29	10
U.Y.D.	11	5	—	5	19	31	10
Heidelberg	12	2	1	9	18	62	5
I.C.I.	12	1	2	9	18	50	4

### METROPOLITAN SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	10	8	—	2	39	15	16
Brunswick	8	2	—	1	31	18	14
Yarra Park	9	5	1	3	20	19	11
Port Melb.	10	5	—	5	22	18	10
St. Albans	10	5	—	5	19	22	10
Rosebud	10	4	1	5	21	37	9

### SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Slavia	14	14	0	0	71	23	28
Prahran	14	11	1	2	62	22	23
St. Melb. U.	14	8	1	5	51	31	17
Vic. Colts	14	7	1	6	37	39	15
Sunshine C.	13	6	2	5	21	31	14
Maccabi	14	4	3	7	29	46	11
Geelong	14	3	2	9	18	32	8
Park Rangers	14	3	2	9	30	55	8
South Yarra	14	2	3	9	22	37	7
Preston	13	3	1	9	23	48	7

### THIRD INVITATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hellenic	14	11	1	2	62	20	23
Coburg	14	10	1	3	35	27	21
Sandringham C.	13	9	2	2	39	12	20
Williamstown	13	7	2	4	40	13	16
Box Hill	13	7	1	5	43	12	15
Sunshine United	13	6	1	6	27	38	13
Wilhelmina	12	3	1	8	33	20	7
Moorabbin C.	14	2	1	11	22	58	5
Heidelberg	13	2	1	10	13	52	5

### LATROBE VALLEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Morwell	13	12	1	0	71	9	25
Moe Utd.	12	9	2	1	46	9	20
Tigers	14	6	5	3	38	30	17
Yallourn A.	14	6	2	6	38	44	14
Sale Utd.	14	4	3	7	24	42	11
Lurgi Ran.	14	4	1	9	23	41	9
Morwell Ran.	13	2	2	9	19	37	6
Red Triangle	14	2	2	10	18	65	6

### THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wilhelmina	14	14	0	0	93	9	28
Hellenic	13	11	1	1	68	15	23
Sandringham C.	14	8	3	3	41	22	19
Dandenong Rov.	14	8	1	5	44	44	17
Sunshine Utd.	14	7	1	6	41	38	15
Richmond	14	6	1	7	37	35	13
Williamstown	13	5	2	6	31	82	12
Frankston	14	2	1	11	15	54	5
Moorabbin C.	14	2	0	12	22	78	4
F.N.D.	14	1	0	13	18	82	2

### FIRST INVITATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	14	12	0	2	49	10	24
Polonia	14	10	1	3	41	31	19
Brighton	14	8	2	4	40	22	13
Footscray City	14	7	2	5	32	31	16
Hakoah	13	5	4	4	25	19	14
Moreland	14	5	2	7	27	44	12
Box Hill	13	5	1	7	26	31	11
J.U.S.T.	13	3	1	8	23	30	7
Yallourn	13	2	3	8	12	29	7
George Cross	14	3	1	10	13	42	7

### SECOND INVITATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine City	14	11	2	1	49	13	24
South Melb.	14	9	1	4	57	29	19
South Yarra	14	9	0	5	52	17	18
Slavia	14	8	1	5	44	34	17
Geelong	14	7	0	7	26	22	14
Prahran	14	6	1	7	37	51	13
Wilhelmina	14	6	0	8	25	32	12
Preston	14	4	0	10	21	88	8
Maccabi	14	4	0	10	20	41	8
Park Rangers	14	2	1	11	25	62	6

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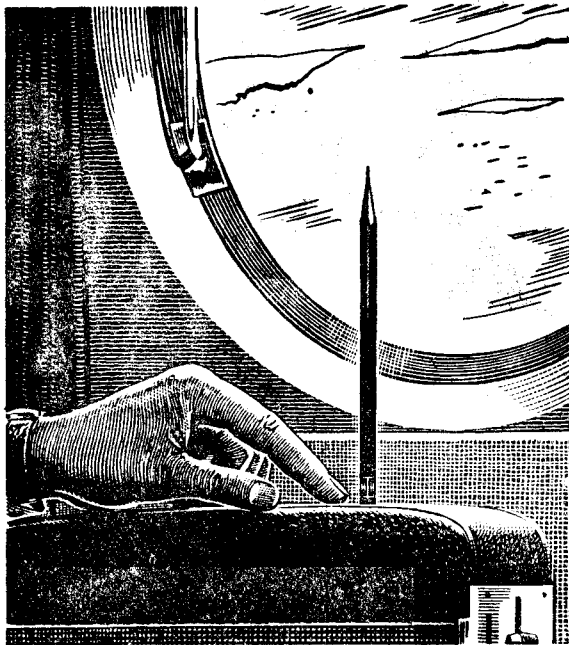
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